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RAILWAY LINK WITH BURMA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board contemplate to accelerate the completion of a railway link with Burma and work towards establishing a north-south corridor to Russia via Iran;

(b) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on these projects;

(c) the present status of these projects;

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed; and

(e) the benefits likely to be accrued on completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e): Ministry of External Affairs had through RITES carried out a feasibility study for India-Myanmar rail link. The Report is currently under bilateral consultation. The likely expenditure as per the study on construction of new rail link between Jiribam-Moreh in India and Tamu-Kalay-Segyi in Myanmar is estimated to cost Rs.4280 Crore. The link will provide substantial benefit to bilateral trade between India and Myanmar. No specific timeframe has been set for these projects.

North-South Transport Corridor promotes transport cooperation between the Member States. The Corridor would connect Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf to Russia via Iran and the Caspian Sea. The Corridor pertaining to India is purely a Shipping route from the West Coast of India to Iran. The Corridor provides opportunities to enhance trade between India and Iran.